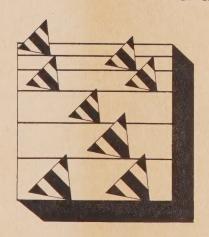
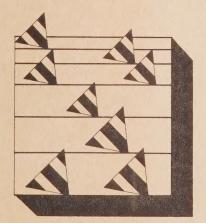
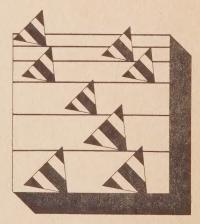
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RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT NEWPORT BEACH GENERAL PLAN

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1. Introduction

This plan concludes an extensive planning process that was aimed at:

- -Solving a number of issues identified at the beginning of the study
- -determining what Newport Beach residents $\underline{\mathsf{need}}$ in the way of parks and open spaces
- -determining what are $\underline{good\ locations}$ in the City to add or expand parks and open spaces
- -fitting together the needs and the locations to end up with a new plan

The planning process designed to accomplish these aims includes a number of defined steps:

- -inventories of public and private facilities and open spaces were completed
- -surveys of community behaviors and attitudes were completed
- -analysis was conducted of data and findings
- -alternatives were prepared to achieve plan objectives
- -a preferred plan was selected, and
- -an implementation program was prepared to accomplish the preferred plan.

Most of the technical analysis that accomplished this planning process is described in a separate document entitled the "Technical Supplement". The Technical Supplement is not part of the adopted Element but is helpful to review to set a context for the Element as it provides much of the background material and data upon which the Element is based. A third document, the "Implementation Handbook" explains how the City could go about implementing the plan but is not adopted as a part of the Element.

The philosophy of this plan is to distinguish between wants, needs and fads in establishing a fiscally prudent plan with "feasibility" and "meeting needs" as the key basis for expanding and improving park and open space acreage. The plan itself is purposely concise and easily read in keeping with the format of the remainder of the City's General Plan.

The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to provide long-range planning policies for the preservation, improvement, and use of open space, recreational trails and scenic roadways within the city of Newport Beach. This Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements of Sections 65302 and 65563 of the California State Government code which state that:

- 65302. The general plan shall consist of a statement of development policies and shall include a diagram or diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals. The plan shall include ... the following elements:
- (e) An open space element as provided in Article 10.5 (commencing with Section 65560.).
- 65563. Every city and county shall prepare, adopt and submit to the Secretary of the Resources Agency a local open-space plan for the comprehensive and long-range preservation and conservation of open-space land within its jurisdiction ... containing, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) The officially adopted goals and policies which will guide the preparation and implementation of the open-space plan; and
- (b) A program for orderly completion and adoption of the open-space plan including a description of the methods by which open-space resources will be inventoried and conservation measures determined.

As defined by Section 65560 of the Government code, land may be designated as open space for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Preservation of natural resources.
- (2) Managed production of resources.
- (3) Outdoor recreation.
- (4) Public health and safety.

This Recreation and Open Space Element also addresses scenic highways and drives in accordance with Section 65302(h) of the Government Code which requires that local General Plans include a Scenic Highway Element.

2. Issues and Needs Summary

This chapter explains, as an overview, the issues and needs that this plan is intended to meet or resolve to provide a basis for understanding the Plan. Each of the issues and needs are fully discussed in the Technical Supplement.

Issues

Throughout the Element planning process several issues have been raised as significant issues to be resolved in the ultimate plan:

- 1. Schools: The school district has recently sold two school sites and has targeted two other sites for closure. The District's intent is to offer the last two sites for private use on a lease basis. These actions have raised the issue of how the City responds to and coordinates with the District when property is offered to the City, what the City's obligations and rights are in these circumstances and what the City's options are should the District continue to close schools due to declining enrollment.
- 2. New Development: The study area is expected to add 8439 dwelling units, 6.4 million square feet of medical and general office space and 1.8 million square feet of commercial space at build out. With diminishing vacant land area, one key issue has been the correlation of new development and future park needs in appropriate locations.
- 3. Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's): The City contains numerous ESA's of local and regional significance. Protection of these areas has been identified as a key issue.
- 4. Park Standards: Recent legislative changes have necessitated more definitive findings to maintain the City's existing 5 acre per 1000 population standard which is a primary assumption in the City's park dedication system.
- 5. Aquatic Facilities: There has been public support for an increase in the aquatic facilities available for use by the general public.
- 6. Bikeways: There has been strong support on the part of bicycling residents to move the City's Master Plan of Bikeways from this Element to the Circulation Element underscoring a commitment to bicycling as a valid transportation option.
- 7. West Newport Community: The West Newport Community does not have a full complement of active park facilities as related to the area's population.

Needs

1. Regional Needs

Upper Newport Bay: There are a number of environmentally sensitive properties which ring the Upper Newport Bay and support the Upper Bay ecosystem. Although the Upper Bay is in the City and provides an open space resource for City residents, it is primarily a regional resource. Preservation or partial preservation of these parcels would meet both regional open space, recreational (viewing, walking) and resource protection needs as well as some citywide needs. The City should actively cooperate with other regional agencies to preserve the sensitive ecological resources of the Upper Bay although the direct responsibility for these areas rests with County, regional and state agencies.

Trail Connections: Several regional bicycle trails pass through the City of Newport Beach. These trails provide alternate circulation routes and access to areas of interest on a regional basis. The needs analysis has noted that bicycle trails are an important component of the local recreation spectrum. Some potential sites have been identified as those which are appropriate for trails or have already been designated to be served by such a trail. The City can work closely with regional and other local governments to coordinate regional bicycle trail connections to local bikeways and to popular destinations for bicyclists which are located in the City.

2. Citywide Needs

School Facilities: Citywide, declining enrollments have raised the spectre of school closures and potential sale of closed school sites as surplus land. This process will have a negative impact on the City's recreational system. Further, the City's capability to fill in these system gaps, should there be widespread closures, is limited due to limited vacant land resources. An attempt to maintain current levels of service must involve retention of some school sites in some level of recreational use. These are addressed by service area on the following page.

Aquatic Facilities: The needs analysis indicates a demand and recommendations for public aquatic facilities including public boat launching, marine sanitation facilities, guest slips and so forth.

Park Code: A number of concerns have been raised relative to the City's current park dedication ordinance. At issue are the definitions used, standards required and in-lieu fee calculation method. A number of these considerations will be addressed in the analysis of standards, definitions and implementation program.

Bikeways: Relocation of the bikeways segment of the Element to the Circulation Element has been recommended and is somewhat supported by the Government Code which includes bikeways as a part of the Circulation Element.

Business Demand: The demand of business sports teams has been tapping the supply of active sports fields at the neighborhood level. This has created an apparent need for additional fields at peak periods. Additional active field areas under City jurisdiction is a solution to this need.

Protect ESA's/Open Space: There are general ESA's and open space areas, not adjacent to the Upper Bay, which should be protected and open to some level of public access.

3. Service Area Needs

Service Area 1 - West Newport: Conceptual undersupplies have been noted for most activity categories in Service Area 1 indicating a general need for recreational and open space areas such as a community or neighborhood level park area. The area needs 39.2 additional acres of Recreation and Open Space Land at buildout.

Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula: This area is largely static with minimal development in proportion to the total area. At buildout, under the current General Plan Land Use Element, the area would need 3.5 additional acres. However, the area currently exceeds the 5 acres per 1000 population standard, which means there is no need for new facilities from that standpoint.

Service Area 3 - Newport Heights - Harbor Highlands: This area is largely static with minimal needs. New development is expected to generate a need for 7.8 additional acres.

Service Area 4 - Santa Ana Heights/Airport Commercial: The future of this area, as noted earlier, is unknown due to pending public decisions regarding ultimate land uses. As such, the recreation and open space needs of the area are unknown except for the regional staging area/trail link at Bayview/North Bay.

Service Area 5 - Lower Bay: This area is largely static with no significant development. New development is expected to generate a need for .2 additional acres.

Service Area 6 - Balboa Island: This area is largely static with no significant development. New development is expected to generate a need for 2.1 additional acres.

Service Area 7 - Eastbluff/North Ford: This area contains a major undeveloped area which is designated for residential development. New development is expected to generate a need for 10 additional acres.

Service Area 8 - Big Canyon, Belcourt: New development in this area is expected to generate a need for 6.9 additional acres. Park dedication requirements will be partially satisfied with a 5.0 park credit granted for the mouth of Big Canyon property.

Service Area 9 - Newport Center: This area contains two major undeveloped areas designated for residential land uses. Additional acres needed to serve new development total 14.9.

Service Area 10 - Corona del Mar: New development will generate a need for 8.3 additional acres. It is recommended that some of this need be met in Service Area 11 due to the special boundary condition.

Service Area 11 - Harbor View: This area is largely static with no significant new development. Additional acres needed total 2.1.

Service Area 12 - Loma del Mar: This is a new undeveloped area of the City's Sphere of Influence.

Total All Service Areas (Except Area 12)

		Soccer	m	10	8 8	13	9.	<7.9>
ed 331.90 arks* 368.16 104.76 36.26 36.26 eed 428.04 Parks 468.43		Swimming Pools	0	2	62	64	47.7	<62.1>
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks Balance		Volleyball Courts	57	35	1	92	58.5	74
E P P B B P P P B B P P P P P P P P P P		Basketball Courts	9	44.5	1	50.5	40.5	37.1
	FACILITIES	Ballfields		23	1	30	2.1	4.5
		Tennis	16	16	122	154	<15.6>	108.7
66,459 - 100% - 3% - 14% - 83%				+- U	Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)		Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult: Total Projected Population:			City Owned	School District	Private (Tenni	Total Supply	Survey Demand	NRPA Standard

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Service Area 1 West Newport

Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult: Total Projected Population:	10,428 - 100% - 2% - 8% - 90% 18,445			A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks	arks* 77.21 00.00 25.11 eed 92.2 arks 114.71 22.51	
			FACILITIES				
		Tennis Courts	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer Fields
City Owned		4	0	2.5	36	0	0
School District		0	0	0	0	0	0
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	Swimming Only)	0	3 6 1	:		11	
Total Supply		12	0	2.5	36	11	0
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	cess <deficit></deficit>	<18.7>	<8.8>	<1.1>	25.1	8.1	<1.3>
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	cess <deficit></deficit>	3.0	<4.0>	េះ	34.0	10.5	<1.0>

Need: Shortage of all local recreation and park facilities. Add 37.5 acres due to new development.

Opportunity: Provide facilities with new development on Banning and CalTrans parcels.

^{*}Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Service Area 2 Balboa Peninsula

Existing Park Need 25.70 Existing Total Parks* 148.32 Existing Schools 1.0 Balance	
5,155 - 100% - 3% - 11% - 86%	5,855
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult:	Total Projected Population:

FACILITIES

	Tennis	Ballfields	Basketball	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer
City Owned	4		0	12	0	0
School District	0	₽	4	0	0	0
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	m	8 8	2 1 2 3		0	8 8
Total Supply	7	2	4	12	0	0
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	<3.1>	4.	3.3	8.7	<7.>	<9°>
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	<4.5>	0	3.0	11.0	<.3>	<.5>

Need: Essentially in balance, some need for tennis facilities. Add 4.0 acres due to new development.

Opportunity: Provide expanded local recreation facilities at Marinapark and also meet citywide needs of aquatic facilities.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Service Area 3 Newport Heights/Harbor Highlands

62.80 35.17 41.82 <27.63> 70.65	45.67 <24.98>
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need	Projected Total Parks Balance
12,572 - 100% - 2% - 16% - 82%	14,131
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult:	Total Projected Population:

FACILITIES

	Tennis Courts	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer Fields
City Owned	2		0	₽	0	0
School District	_∞	6	15	. 13	⊢	4
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	11	B B		8 8	0	8 8
Total Supply	21	10	15	14	6	4
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	<0.7>	5.7	14.6	6.2	0.9	1.0
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	15.0	5.0	12.5	11.5	9.5	3.0

School play yards eliminate any deficiency in this area. Need: Good supply of recreational facilities because of existing schools. Add 10.0 acres due to new development. Opportunity: Maintain school district provided facilities.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Santa Ana Heights/Airport Commercial

Park Need 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12. 12.	Balance (11.30)		Basketball Volleyball Swimming Soccer Courts Pools Fields	0 0 0	0 0 0 1	4	0 0 4	<.1> <.6> 3.4 .4	<.5> <.5> 3.9
		FACILITIES	Ballfields	0	1	† † †		×.3	0
			Tennis	0	0	0	0	<3.0>	<1.0>
cted	Population: 2460**			City Owned	School District	Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	Total Supply	NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>

Need: A small local park is required if the area remains in residential uses.

Opportunity: Combine local park uses with regional trail/staging area at Bayview/Northbay.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas

**Population projections not available

Service Area 5 Lower Bay

		Soccer	0	0	8 8	0
18.40 private 00.00 <18.40> 18.64 1.00 <17.64>		•				
* 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8 × 8		Swimming Pools	0	0	m	m
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks Balance		Volleyball	0	0	Grand Control of the	0
EX EX Bal		Basketball Courts	0	0	8 8	0
	FACILITIES	Ballfields	0	0	-	0
		Tennis	0	0	9	9
Population: 3,684 - 100% 0 - 5 Yrs: - 2% 5 - 17 Yrs: - 13% Adult: - 85% Total Projected 3,729			ned	School District	Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	ylpply
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult: Total Projec			City Owned	School	Private	Total Supply

Need: Lack of public facilities, but generally sufficient private facilities. Add .2 acres due to new development.

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Survey Demand Excess <Deficit>

Opportunity: Provide citywide facilities for aquatic needs at PCH Bridge.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

18.60 8.18 00.00 <10.45>	20.79 8.18 <12.61>
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance	Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks Balance
3,730 - 100% - 2% - 11% - 87%	4,158
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult:	Total Projected Population:

		FACILITIES				
	Tennis	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer
City Owned	0	0	٠ ئ	0	0	0
School District	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	0	:		8 8		8 8
Total Supply	0	. 0	ស	0	1	0
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	<0.6>	<1.5>	<1.2>	<2.2>	0	<.3>
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	<2.0>	<1.5>	<.5>	<1.0>	6.	<.3>

Need: Shortage of all local recreation/park facilities.

Opportunity: Availability and cost of land preclude parks; locate facilities in nearby areas (e.g., Service Area 7 and 11) to serve this area.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Service Area 7 Eastbluff/North Ford

19.80 13.87 27.50 <5.93> 29.78 30.87 1.09
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks Balance
100% 1% 9% 90%
3,969 -
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult: Total Projected Population:

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	Tennis Courts	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball	Swimming Pools	Soccer
City Owned	0		0	0	0	~
School District	∞	2	13	13	⊷	2
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	19	1			10	8 1 1
Total Supply	27	9	E	13	11	က
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	18.2	4.5	12.7	12.4	6.7	2.8
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	25.0	4.5	12.2	11.6	10.8	2.7

Add 10 acres due to new development. Need: Supply in excess of demand in all areas. Opportunity: Resources for new facilities can be directed elsewhere; provide citywide facilities only, except for new development. School facilities contribute to a substantial excess in acreage.

Service Area 8 Big Canyon/Belcourt

7.70 s* private 00.00 <7.70> 14.61 ks private <14.61>		Swimming Soccer Pools Fields	0 0	0 0	= = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	1 0	.8 <.1>	1.0 <.1>	
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks		Volleyball Sv Courts	0	0	1	0	<.4>	\. \.	
, XXX8778		Basketball Courts	0	0	# 	0	<.2>	\. \.	
	FACILITIES	Ballfields	0	0	8 8	0	<***	<:5>	
		Tennis	0	0	2	2	1.8	4.2	
Population: 1,540 - 100% 0 - 5 Yrs: - 23% 5 - 17 Yrs: - 23% Adult: - 73% Total Projected Population: 2,922			City Owned	School District	Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	Total Supply	NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	

Need: Lack of public facilities, but private facilities are sufficient.

Opportunity: Direct resources to other adjoining areas such as Area 7.

15.00	private	00.00	<15.00>	29.87	9.0 + private	<20.87>
Existing Park Need	Existing Total Parks*	Existing Schools	Balance	Projected Park Need	Projected Total Parks	Balance
3,004 - 100%	%0 -	%0 -	- 100%			5,974
Population: 3,C	0 - 5 Yrs:	5 - 17 Yrs:	Adult:		Total Projected	Population: 5,9

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	Tennis Courts	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer Fields
City Owned	0	0	0	0	0	0
School District	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	26			8 6 8	12	8 8
Total Supply	26	0	0	0	12	0
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	48.7	0	0	0	11.4	0
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	54.5	<1.0>	<.5>	<.5>	11.9	<:3>

Need: Provide local facilities to new development areas; now provides citywide tennis facilities.

Opportunity: Private facilities now meet existing need.

46.50 42.35 00.00 <4.15>	54.80 42.59 <12.21>
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance	Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks Balance
- 100% - 3% - 12% - 85%	
9,304	10,960
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult:	Total Projected Population:

		FACILITIES				
	Tennis	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball	Swimming Pools	Soccer Fields
City Owned	0		~	∞	0	0
School District	0	\leftarrow	0	0	0	2
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	0	Americanian de la constanta de		8 8	2	8 0
Total Supply	0	2	+	00	0	0

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Need: A conceptual shortage of some local recreation facilities but numerous facilities in the adjoining service area reduce the shortages.

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NRPA Standard Excess <Deficit>

Survey Demand Excess <Deficit>

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Opportunity: New facilities can be provided on sites within the adjacent Service Area 11.

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

Service Area 11 Harbor View

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53.0	43.0	34.4	<9.91> 55.13	63.0	7.9			nina
ed	arks*		peed	Parks				Swimming
sting Park Ne	Existing Total Parks*	sting Schools	Balance Projected Park Need	jected Total	Balance			Vollevball
Exi	Exi	EX.	Bal	Pro	Bal			Basketball
							FACILITIES	
							FAC	
								Tennis
100%	84	24%	72%					
10 613 - 100%	1		ı		11,027			
Population.	0 - 5 Yrs:	5 - 17 Yrs:	Adult:	Total Projected	Population:			

	Tennis	Ballfields	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Courts	Swimming Pools	Soccer Fields
City Owned	9	m	2	0	0	2
School District	. 0	9	12.5	6	0	2
Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	14				10	
Total Supply	20	6	14.5	6	10	4
NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	<7.3>	5.0	13.4	7.5	5.1	<.7>
Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>	15.0	2.0	12.5	7.0	9.5	3.0

Need: Good balance now; excess capacity used by Service Area 10 residents.

Opportunity: Sites available to provide needed facilities for Service Areas 6, 9, and 10.

Service Area 10 and 11 Corona del Mar and Harbor View

99.50 34.44 34.44 (14.06> 109.93 s 105.68	
Existing Park Need Existing Total Parks* Existing Schools Balance Projected Park Need Projected Total Parks	3
100% 4% 12% 85%	
19,917 - 100% - 4% - 12% - 85%	
Population: 0 - 5 Yrs: 5 - 17 Yrs: Adult: Total Projected	

FACILITIES

ning Soccer 1s Fields	0 2	0 4	2	9 2	5.3 <1.0>	.0 4.0
all Swimming Pools	0		_ 12	12	10.5 5.	9.0 11.
Volleyball Courts	00	6		17	10	6
Basketball	m	12.5		15.5	12.9	11.5
Ballfields	੍ਹ ਉ	7	8 8	11	3.1	3.5
Tennis	9	0	14	20	<37>	10.5
	City Owned	School District	Private (Tennis/Swimming Only)	Total Supply	NRPA Standard Excess <deficit></deficit>	Survey Demand Excess <deficit></deficit>

Need: Good balance, some need for extra tennis facilities.

9 and 10 with Lincoln School facility. Opportunity: Can meet needs of Service Areas 6,

*Includes active and passive recreation areas as well as beaches

3. Inventory

The following table inventories all recreation and open space areas in the City including parks, beaches and schools. The inventory is important in assessing what additional facilities are needed. The facility designations are as follows and definitions are found in Chapter 5:

MP Mini Park
NP Neighborhood Park
CP Community Park
VP View Park
PB Public Beach
SC School

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Name	Designation	Size	Facilities
Service Area 1 - West Newport			
Channel Park	NP	1.3 ac.	Playground Turf
Lido View Park	VP	0.4 ac.	Benches
Newport Island	NP	0.46 ac.	Beach Basketball Playground
Peninsula Beaches	PB	55.00 ac.	Volleyball
West Newport Park (River)	NP	10.0 ac.	Not improved
West Newport	NP	9.0 ac.	Picnic (2.3 ac improved, 6.7 ac not improved) Tennis Playground Handball
38th Street	NP	1.05 ac.	Picnic Basketball Shuffleboard Playground
	Total	77.21 ac.	(60.51 ac improved, 16.7 ac not improved)
Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsu	<u>la</u>		
L Street Park	MP	.3 ac.	Turf
Las Arenas	NP	1.83 ac.	Tennis Playground
Marinapark Beach	PB	3.3 ac.	
Newport Elementary ¹	SC	1.0 ac.	Basketball Field Sports Playground

 $^{^{1}}$ Includes open space/play areas only, not entire site.

Name	Designation	<u>Si ze</u>	<u>Facilities</u>
Peninsula Beaches	PB	137.0 ac.	Volleyball
Peninsula Park	NP	3.8 ac.	Field Sports Playground Restrooms Picnic Beach
10th Street Beach		.81 ac.	
N Street Beach		.58 ac.	
15th Street Beach	PB	.2 ac.	
West Jetty	VP	<u>.5</u> ac.	Benches Beach
	Total	149.32 ac.	
Service Area 3 - Newport Heigh	hts/Harbor Hig	hlands	
Cliff Drive	VP	4.2 ac.	(includes only usable area) Community building Picnic Restrooms Benches
Ensign School ¹	SC	7.73 ac.	Volleyball Basketball Field Sports
Ensign View	VP	1.73 ac.	Picnic Benches Turf
Galaxy Park	VP	.95 ac.	Benches
Kings Road View Park	VP	.4 ac.	
Mariners Elementary ¹	SC	6.24 ac.	Basketball Field Sports

¹ Includes open space/play areas only, not entire site.

Name	Designation	Size	<u>Facilities</u>
Mariners Park	NP	7.36 ac.	Community Building Playground Volleyball Tennis Picnic Handball
Newport Harbor High School ¹	SC	22.63 ac.	Tennis Volleyball Basketball Field Sports Swimming
Newport Heights Elementary ¹	sc	5.22 ac.	Volle <i>y</i> ball Basketball Field Sports
North Star Beach	РВ	11.45 ac.	en en an
Westbay Park	NP	6.07 ac.	Not improved
Westcliff	VP	3.01 ac.	Benches
	Total	76.99 ac.	
Service Area 6 - Balboa Island	<u>i</u>		
Balboa Island Beaches	РВ	7.9 ac.	
Beek Park	MP	<u>.28</u> ac.	Community Building Restrooms Basketball
	Total	8.18 ac.	
Service Area 7 - Eastbluff/Nor	th Ford		
Corona del Mar High School ¹	SC	20.0 ac.	Tennis Volleyball Basketball Swimming Field Sports

¹ Includes open space/play areas only, not entire site.

Name	Designation	Size	<u>Facilities</u>
Eastbluff Elementary ¹	SC	7.5 ac.	Volleyball Field Sports
Eastbluff Park	NP	13.87 ac.	Field Sports Picnic
	Total	41.37 ac.	
Service Area 10 - Corona de	1 Mar		
Bayside Park	NP	4.4 ac.	Benches Turf
Begonia Park	NP	2.1 ac.	Picnic Turf
China Cove Beach		.36 ac.	
Corona del Mar Bluffs and Inspiration Point	VP	.8 ac.	Benches
Corona del Mar State Beache	es PB	23.0 ac.	Volle yball
Corona del Mar City Beach		4.5 ac.	
Harbor Department Beach		.36 ac.	
Irvine Terrace	NP	<u>6.83</u> ac.	Basketball Field Sports Picnic
	Total	42.35 ac.	
Service Area 11 - Harbor View			
Anderson Elementary ¹	SC	3.44 ac.	Field Sports Volle <i>y</i> ball Basketball
Buffalo Hills	NP	12.9 ac.	Benches Picnic Playground
СҮС	NP	3.13 ac.	Tennis Basketball Picnic Field Sports

¹ Includes open space/play areas only, not entire site.
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Name	Designation	Size	<u>Facilities</u>
Harbor View Elementary ¹	SC	14.0 ac.	Field Sports
Lincoln School ¹	SC	17.0 ac.	Volle <i>y</i> ball Basketball Field Sports
Nature Park	NP	7.75 ac.	Walkways
Oasis	NP	5.97 ac.	Picnic Community Building
San Miguel	NP	7.32 ac.	Picnic Basketball Field Sports
SJ Hills	NP ·	4.06 ac.	Tennis Lawn bowling
Spyglass Hills Park	MP	1.0 ac.	Playground
Spyglass Hills Reservoir Par	rk MP	<u>.96</u> ac.	Playground
	Total	77.53 ac.	

¹ Includes open space/play areas only, not entire site.

^{*}SOURCE: City of Newport Beach, Planning and Public Works Departments, 1984.

4. Standards and Definitions

The following descriptions and definitions explain the recreation and open space categories in the plan such as the suggested size, type of improvements and anticipated use.

Mini Park MP

Mini Parks are smaller parks which may take one of two different forms. Most Mini Parks are less than one acre in size, serve a 1/4 mile radius and are located within a neighborhood, separate from major or collector roads. Some Mini Parks serve as small staging areas along a major trail. These Parks are again less than one acre in size but serve the entire City and are located as urban trail heads along major trails or streets.

Conventional Mini Parks may include play apparatus, passive green spaces or a focus on one active sport such as tennis or basketball. Mini Parks which serve as staging areas may include drinking fountains, restrooms, benches, shady trees, bicycle racks or, in some cases, parking.

View Parks VP

View Parks have traditionally been smaller parks designed to take advantage of a significant view. Many view parks are located on coastal bluffs and focus upon ocean or bay views. Most view parks are between 1/2 to 3 acres in size and serve the entire City. Some view parks have been proposed that are larger, approaching 4 to 10 acres and may include a number of neighborhood park type functions. View parks are generally improved with parking, landscaping, walkways and benches.

Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood Parks serve all ages in 1 to 8 acre facilities. (Some existing neighborhood parks are smaller and some are larger than this standard.) They serve a 1/2 mile radius and are located adjacent to public schools when possible. Neighborhood parks contain a wide variety of improvements which can include turf areas, active sport fields and courts, community buildings, play apparatus and picnic facilities. Other improvements might include senior center, youth center and aquatic facility.

Community Park

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NP

Community Parks serve the entire City and are easily accessible at major roads. They are generally 8 to 20 acres in size and include a variety of improvements such as parking, picnic facilities, community buildings, active sports facilities, swimming facilities and other facilities that serve a larger population. Community Parks can have a particular theme or orientation such as active sports or aquatic facilities.

Public Beach

PB

Public Beaches serve a number of local and regional functions. In many neighborhoods, beaches function as neighborhood or community parks. Easy accessibility, lack of entrance fees and a lack of other available parks has contributed to this function. Public Beaches, although serving as local parks, have not been so designated for simplicity's sake. They all include sandy beach areas adjacent to the bay or ocean and may include active sports, snack bars, showers, drinking fountains, restrooms, walkways, docks, benches, shade trees and parking areas. Neighborhoods or the City as a whole are served depending on the amount of parking available.

Schools

SC

Schools are an integral part of the recreation and open space system as field and playground areas serve as neighborhood parks during weekends and after school. All existing schools and school sites are included in the plan.

Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve

ER

The reserve, which is managed by the State Department of Fish and Game, is set aside for resource protection, water maintenance, educational and recreational purposes.

Open Space

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Open space includes passive and active open space areas, with or without access for the general public, which do not function as public parks but do provide open space relief.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

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Environmentally Sensitive Areas are those passive open space areas possessing unique environmental value which may warrant some form of protection or preservation. Such areas include, but are not limited to:

- a. Areas supporting species which are rare, endangered, of limited distribution or otherwise sensitive.
- b. Riparian areas
- c. Freshwater marshes
- d. Saltwater marshes
- e. Intertidal areas
- f. Other wetlands
- g. Unique or unusually diverse vegetative communities.

Marine Life Refuge

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The Marine Life Refuge is located in tidelands off the coast of Corona del Mar. It is managed by the Department of Fish and Game and exists for the purpose of protecting marine and intertidal life.

Greenbelt

GB

Greenbelts that are in public or private ownership are mapped in this category. They may include areas with some recreational facilities although the primary function of the area is passive open space.

Restricted Access Overlay

RA

This overlay notes areas where, due to hazards, safety or lack of improved trails, access is limited.

Scenic Highway

Scenic Highways are designated by CalTrans as throughways with significant scenic qualities on a state-wide basis.

Scenic Drive

Scenic drives are local City designated roads that enable scenic vistas for the motorist, bicyclist or pedestrian. Key views include the bay and ocean, and scenic drives may link view park locations.

Pedestrian Trail

Pedestrian trails are improved walkways, sidewalks or unimproved common walkways that are popular due to scenic features or neighborhood character.

Regional Equestrian Trail

Regional Equestrian trails are backbone routes designated in the County Transportation Element of the General Plan.

Jogging Trails

These trails are routes commonly used for community wide running events sponsored by the City of Newport Beach Parks, Beaches and Recreation Department.

Staging Areas

Staging areas are suggested locations for grouping or drop offs prior to using equestrian, pedestrian, jogging or bicycle trails or area beaches.

Master Plan of Bikeways

Backbone bikeways are major throughway trails that connect to regional trails. They are primarily on major roads and serve the functional and recreational cyclist.

Secondary Bikeway

Secondary Bikeways connect to backbone trails and serve cyclists and children riding to and from school.

5. Goals, Objectives, Policies and Programs

These goal, objective and policy statements form overall guidance for the City's recreation and open space system. It is through these statements that needs or concepts are translated directly into working policies and, in the implementation document, programs. These statements supplement the Citywide goal and objective statements for the General Plan. In those cases where a program may implement more than one policy, it is included under both policies.

Goal:

Recreation and open space system which meets both the active and passive recreation needs of the citizens of Newport Beach and which maintains and enhances the unique recreational and environmental resources of the City of Newport Beach.

OBJECTIVE 1:

The satisfaction of the active and passive recreational needs of the community.

Policy 1.1:

The City shall endeavor to provide a full range of year-round recreational facilities and instructional programs to adequately meet the current and future needs of each resident. The varied programs and facilities shall include water sports and activities, beach and harbor facilities, active park facilities, passive open areas and view parks, senior citizen facilities, and bicycle trails, pedestrian trails, and scenic highways.

- Program 1.1.1: Continue to operate and maintain existing City recreational facilities at the existing level of service. (Same as Program 2.1.1)
- Program 1.1.2: Develop and implement yearly work programs for recreation and open space projects (Same as Program 2.1.2 and 5.1.1)
- Program 1.1.3: Amend the Park Dedication Ordinance to provide for the dedication of park land or in-lieu fees at a rate of five acres per one thousand population and to revise the definition of acceptable park land. (Same as Program 2.1.3)

- Program 1.1.4: Revise the City's existing Open Space Zoning District so that it will function both as a primary zone and an overlay zone and develop management guidelines for properties with this designation. Initiate change of zone proceedings for appropriate properties.
- Program 1.1.5: Continue existing City support to intergovernmental open space management committees with representatives of appropriate State and regional agencies such as the Department of Fish and Game.
- Policy 1.2: The existing level of availability of school sites for recreational use should be maintained to the extent that a school site meets recreational or open space needs consistent with educational needs.
- Program 1.2.1: Designate the Recreation and Open Space Element as a school site acquisition plan consistent with the requirements of Section 39397.5 of the State Education Code for the purchase of surplus school sites by public entities.
- Program 1.2.2: Budget City funds for lease or purchase of identified surplus school sites as stated in Section 39396 of the California State Education Code.
- Program 1.2.3: Evaluate the desirability of acquiring surplus school sites using the following criteria:
 - a. Is the school site currently closed or proposed for closure? If not, delete and reevaluate when closure is proposed.
 - b. Does the school site currently provide recreational facilities that have been identified to meet local or community-wide needs? If so, retain.
 - c. Are other public lands in the vicinity of the school site inadequate to meet the identified existing or foreseeable needs of the community for recreation or open space purposes? If so, retain.

- d. Is the school site a more economical or otherwise more feasible alternative than other parcels which are available as potential sites in the area? If so, retain.
- Program 1.2.4: For each school site the City considers acquiring, determine whether the City has exceeded the 30% limit on purchase of School District land as provided under Section 393396 of the Education code of the State of California, and if the limit has not been exceeded, determine whether the City is desirous of utilizing the provisions of the aforementioned code section in acquisition of the school site.
- Policy 1.3:

 The City shall encourage marine recreational and educational opportunities for continued public use and enjoyment and shall protect and maintain the necessary support facilities and services for marine recreational and educational activities, including marine ways and services, launching facilities, gas and pumpout stations, parking facilities, restrooms, showers, concessions, and educational facilities such as the Sea Scout Base and Intercollegiate Rowing Facilities.
- Program 1.3.1: Adopt and implement the recommendations of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Marinapark Study Committee.
- Program 1.3.2: Develop a boat launching facility at Coast Highway/Bayside Drive.
- Program 1.3.3: Provide and encourage marine sanitation and gas facilities.
- Program 1.3.4: Encourage and support the provision of guest slips, moorings, and anchorages in Newport-Harbor and work with the Orange County Harbor Department to provide these where feasible.
- Program 1.3.5: Continue to express support for the provision of a small craft harbor in the West Newport/Santa Ana River area as described in the City's Local Coastal Program. (Also Program 1.4.2)

- Program 1.3.6: Allow dinghy launching at all safe street ends and beaches in lower Newport Bay. For purposes of this Element, a dinghy shall be defined as a single-hull craft with a maximum length of 12'6" and a maximum beam of 5'.
- Program 1.3.7: Allow short-term beaching of small craft in designated areas.
- Program 1.3.8: Continue to maintain and operate existing City piers and docks.
- Program 1.3.9: Continue to maintain and operate existing public bay and ocean beaches.
- Program 1.3.10: Provide and maintain appropriate support facilities such as exterior showers, restrooms, drinking fountains, and concessions at the following locations:
 - a. West Jetty Park
 - b. Las Arena Park
 - c. Between Orange Avenue and the Santa Ana River
 - d. Appropriate park and recreation facilities.
- Program 1.3.11: Initiate a study of Lower Newport Bay marine opportunities including comprehensive facility inventories. (Same as Program 1.4.1)
- Program 1.3.12: Examine proposals for construction of antierosion structures, offshore breakwaters, or marinas, and regulate the design of any such structures to harmonize with the natural appearance of the beach. (Same as Program 3.2.1)
- In view of the City's attraction as a regional and statewide recreation area, the growing regional and statewide demand for water-oriented recreational facilities, and the limited capacity of the City's harbor and ocean front resources to full satisfy such demands, the City shall encourage the opening and development of adjoining ocean and water-front areas outside Newport Bay, so long as any adverse environmental impacts are mitigated, in a manner which may best serve to distribute the increasing public need for water-oriented recreational facilities.

- Program 1.4.1: Initiate a study of Lower Newport Bay marine opportunities including comprehensive facility inventories. (Same as Program 1.3.11)
- Program 1.4.2: Continue to express support for the provision of a small craft harbor in the West Newport/Santa Ana River area as described in the City's Local Coastal Program. (Same as Program 1.3.5)
- Program 1.4.3: The continued provision of private facilities is encouraged.
- Policy 1.5: The City shall insure implementation of a bikeway system to encourage cycling as an alternative mode of transportation consistent with the Master Plan of Bikeways.
- Program 1.5.1: The Master Plan of Bikeways shall be implemented concurrent with highway and street improvements, consistent with the City's financial ability to do so and the availability of alternative funding sources.
- Program 1.5.2: Appropriate bikeway improvements may be required as a condition of development approvals.
- Program 1.5.3: The City will work with surrounding agencies for development of connecting bikeways.
- OBJECTIVE 2: Convenient and safe public access to open space and recreational facilities consistent with the protection of natural resources, public safety, and private property rights.
 - Policy 2.1: Recreational facilities within a reasonable service radius for each type of facility shall be provided.
 - Program 2.1.1: Continue to operate and maintain existing City recreational facilities at the existing level of service. (Same as Program 1.1.1)

- Program 2.1.2: Develop and implement yearly work programs for recreation and open space projects under the guidance of the Recreation and Open Space Element. (Same as Program 1.1.2 and 5.1.1)
- Program 2.1.3: Amend the Park Dedication Ordinance to provide for the dedication of park land or in-lieu fees at a rate of five acres per one thousand population and to revise the definition of acceptable park land. (Same as Program 1.1.3)
- Policy 2.2: Adequate support facilities for recreational facilities such as restrooms shall be provided.
- Program 2.2.1: Provide and maintain appropriate support facilities such as exterior showers, restrooms, drinking fountains, and concessions at the following locations:
 - a. West Jetty Parkb. Las Arenas Park
 - c. Between Orange Avenue and the Santa Ana River
 - d. Appropriate park and recreation facilities.
- Policy 2.3: In the leasing or re-leasing of publicly owned land, full consideration shall be given to the public's right of access to the ocean, beach, and bay and to the provision of coastal-dependent uses adjacent to the water.
- Policy 2.4: The City shall maintain a comprehensive signing program of City coastal resources, including accessways, bicycle routes, public beaches, and vista points.
- Program 2.4.1: Develop a comprehensive coastal resource signing program.
- Policy 2.5: The City shall preserve public access to the beach and bay at all existing public street ends and walkways.

OBJECTIVE 3: Maintenance and enhancement of the scenic character of the City of Newport Beach.

Policy 3.1:

Existing view opportunities shall be preserved and enhanced. This shall include public visual access to the waterfront. New development (including landscaping), public or private, shall be sited and designed to protect public views of ocean and other coastal scenic areas.

Program 3.1.1:

Where coastal views from existing roadways exist, regulate development on property within the site lines from the roadway so that it is sited and designed to maximize protection of the coastal view. This program is not intended to prohibit development on any site.

Coastal view areas:

- -Ocean Boulevard, Corona del Mar
- -Eastbluff remnant
- -Coast Highway near Jamboree
- -Pacific Coast Highway Bridge launching ramp
- -Castaways from the bluff setback
- -Constellation near Santiago
- -Irvine between Santiago and University Drive
- -Galaxy Park
- -Ensign View Park
- -Promontory Point East
- -N Street
- -10th Street beach
- -19th Street beach
- -Promontory Bay at Harbor Island Drive
- -Promontory Bay at Bayside Drive
- -Cliff Drive Park
- -Eastbluff Park
- -Pacific Coast Highway Bridge
- -Arches/Newport Boulevard Bridge
- -Lido Island Bridge
- -Entrance to Balboa Island
- -Larson's Shipyard
- -Inspiration Point Park
- -Beach and bay street ends
- -Marinapark
- -Superior
- -West Newport Bluff
- -Harbor View and Marguerite

- Program 3.1.3: Provide view parks as mapped in the Recreation and Open Space Plan which is included in this Element.
- Program 3.1.4: Protect and improve views from Scenic Highways and Drives shown on the Recreation and Open Space Plan to the extent possible.
- Policy 3.2: The City shall preserve beaches, surf action, and coastal shoreline in a manner that will maintain their aesthetic and natural value.
- Program 3.2.1: Examine proposals for construction of antierosion structures, offshore breakwaters, or marinas, and regulate the design of any such structures to harmonize with the natural appearance of the beach. (Same as Program 1.3.12)
- Policy 3.3: The scenic resource provided by coastal bluffs shall be protected and preserved. "Bluffs" are defined as any landform having an average slope of 26.6 degrees (50%) or greater, with a vertical rise of 25 feet or greater consistent with existing City ordinances.
- Program 3.3.1: Apply the following regulations to all building sites:

Grading: Permitted development shall be designed to minimize the alteration of natural landforms along bluffs and cliffs. In areas of geologic hazard, the City may require that a development permit not be issued until an applicant has signed a waiver of all claims against the public for future liability or damage resulting from permission to build. All such waivers should be recorded with the County Recorder's office.

Program 3.3.2: Apply the following regulations to all new tracts and subdivisions. If development is residential in nature, this policy will apply to new development of 4 or more units.

a. Setback Requirement: A bluff setback adequate to provide safe public access. taking into account bluff retreat and erosion, shall be provided in all new development. As a general guideline, the property line setback from the edge of a bluff should be no closer to the edge of the bluff than the point at which the top of the bluff is intersected by a line drawn from the solid toe of the bluff at an angle of 26.6 degrees to the horizontal. A greater setback distance shall be required where warranted by geological or groundwater conditions, but in no case shall a property line be closer than 40 feet to the edge of a bluff.

In addition, no part of a proposed development shall be closer than 20 feet to the bluffside property line. This required building setback may be increased or decreased by the Planning Commission in the review of a proposed site plan consistent with the purposes of this section.

- b. Public Views: The location of a proposed project shall take into account public view potential.
- C. Public Access and Dedication Requirements:
 The location and design of a proposed project shall maximize public access to the coastal bluff areas as follows:
 - 1. Public access to coastal bluff areas shall be assured through design of the local street system and through the location of public trails and walkways adjacent to the bluffs.

The City may require the dedication of right-of-way, or the granting of easements. These may be improved or not improved at the option of the City Council.

- 2. Areas adjacent to coastal bluffs having significant view potential shall be designated for use as view parks or vista points consistent with parkland dedication requirements.
- 3. Land required to be dedicated for neighborhood parks, but which is intended to remain in an unimproved, natural state, should be located adjacent to the bluffs; any portion of that land required to be dedicated for neighborhood parks which is intended to provide active recreational facilities may be located in the interior portions of the proposed development.
- 4. Bluff face areas need not be accepted by the City for any type of dedication.
- d. Subdivision Design. In preparing a development plan, natural bluff areas shall not be included in development areas as designated on the site plan. The design of any subdivision shall not include any bluff face or bluff edge as part of any residential lot or building site.
- e. Landscape Plans and Plan Material: For the purpose of regulating groundwater conditions, landscape plans for those areas immediately adjacent to the bluffs shall incorporate native vegetation or other drought-resistant plant material.
- f. Grading: Grading, cutting and filling of natural bluff faces or bluff edges shall be prohibited in order to preserve the scenic value of bluff areas, except for the purpose of performing emergency repairs, or for the installation of erosion-preventive devices or other measures necessary to assure the stability of the bluffs.

Any plan involving grading of the bluff face or bluff area shall be approved by the Planning Commission, including such measures designed to control urban runoff, erosion, and groundwater conditions.

OBJECTIVE 4: Maintenance and enhancement of environmental resources.

- Policy 4.1: Environmentally Sensitive Areas shall be preserved and protected. This shall include the following:
 - a. Areas supporting species which are rare, endangered, of limited distribution, or otherwise sensitive
 - b. Natural riparian
 - c. Freshwater marshes
 - d. Saltwater marshes
 - e. Intertidal areas
 - f. Other wetlands
 - g. Unique or unusually diverse vegetative communities

Public utilization of environmental resources shall be encouraged and provided to the extent this is consistent with the preservation of such resources.

- Program 4.1.1: Archaeological, paleontological, historical and cultural resources shall be investigated in accordance with acceptable scientific procedures, and appropriate mitigation measures (including testing, salvage, or preservation) shall be adopted on a case-by-case basis in accordance with regular City policy. Prior to any development, archaeological, paleontological, historic, and cultural resources shall be mapped and evaluated by a qualified professional.
- Program 4.1.2: Coordinate with the California Department of Fish and Game to provide for public use in the Upper Newport Bay Management Plan.
- Program 4.1.3: Maintain existing public use of the Ecological Reserve and other ESA's to the extent that is consistent with the preservation of such resources.

- Program 4.1.4: Except as provided in the following program, no structures will be allowed in any of the following sensitive areas. The Planning Commission and/or City Council will determine whether the site in question falls within any of these areas using information documented in the EIR. The Department of Fish and Game will
 - a. Environmentally sensitive habitat areas

be consulted in the documentation stage.

- b. Coastal bluffs
- c. Bluff top setback areas
- d. Riparian areas
- e. Geologic hazard areas
- f. Residential development areas impacted by noise levels of 65 CNEL or greater
- g. Floodplain areas
- h. Natural slope areas greater than 2:1 and greater than 25 feet in height

This program is not intended to prevent public agencies and private property owners from maintaining drainage courses and facilities, sedimentation basins, and other related facilities in a safe and effective condition with minimal impact on the environment, nor is it intended to prohibit public infrastructure when the environmental process demonstrates that adverse impacts can be mitigated, or that the benefits outweigh the adverse impacts.

Policy 4.2:

The City of Newport Beach will coordinate with other agencies to implement the Newport Bay Watershed/San Diego Creek Comprehensive Stormwater Sedimentation Control Plan.

Program 4.2.1:

The following activities should be completed to achieve consistency with the Newport Bay Watershed/San Diego Creek Comprehensive Stormwater Sedimentation Control Plan. The City shall work with other agencies and organizations such as the County of Orange, City of Irvine, Department of Fish and Game and The Irvine Company to implement the plan.

- a. Additional excavation in Upper Newport Bay above the narrows
- b. Channel stabilization of San Diego Creek
- c. Maintenance of in-bay and in-channel basins to remove accumulated materials
- OBJECTIVE 5: An equitable means of financing recreation and open space facilities and services to serve the residents of Newport Beach.
 - Policy 5.1: The Recreation and Open Space Implementation Handbook shall address financing sources and priorities.
 - Program 5.1.1: Develop and implement yearly work programs for recreation and open space projects under the guidance of the Recreation and Open Space Element. (Same as Programs 1.1.2 and 2.1.2)
 - Program 5.1.2: Revise the City's park code implementing the Quimby Act.

6. Recreation and Open Space Plan

This chapter describes the individual proposed facilities in the plan including both new recreation and open space sites, existing sites recommended for intensification or expansion and program level projects. The chapter concludes with an acreage tabulation of the proposed facilities.

Service Area 1 - West Newport

The Banning property has been reserved for a Specific Plan when the property is annexed to the City. The type, amount and configuration of future development on this property will be determined through that Specific Plan process, at which time the environmental resources on the property will be mapped. As the General Plan is intended to provide direction in later efforts at Specific Planning without precluding a full range of planning options, the Banning property recreation and open space sites have not been precisely located on the map.

1. Banning Community Park - approximately 20 acres

This park is intended to be located entirely within the Specific Plan area for development with active recreational facilities, picnic and turf areas and a possible gymnasium to serve the full community. The character of the park should at this time remain flexible as it may be located adjacent to a small craft arena that had once been proposed for the property. As with all new parks proposed to accompany future residential development, the size of this facility may vary based upon the ultimate population size of the new residential community.

2. Banning View Park - approximately 1 acre

This small view park is intended to be located on the bluffs within the Specific Plan area as a part of a continuous bikeway system on the bluffs.

3. Banning Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Open Space

These ESA's which will be subsequently mapped should be protected and, where consistent with the preservation of environmental values, public access to these areas should be provided.

4. Banning Neighborhood Park - approximately 4 acres

This park is located within the existing City boundaries in the general location east of the West Newport Triangle. The park is intended as an active recreational facility with turf and picnic areas.

5. Semeniuk Slough ESA - approximately 20 acres

This Environmentally Sensitive area should be protected and future use should balance environmental values, needs of adjacent homeowners who border the Slough and public access principles.

6. Semeniuk Slough Mini Park - approximately 2 acres

This mini park facility, located adjacent to Semeniuk Slough and Pacific Coast Highway will be a small recreational facility.

7. CalTrans West View Park - approximately 2 acres

This view park will serve future residents of this property with a linear bluff top park. The park is intended to provide a link in the continuous bluff top bikeway in West Newport.

8. CalTrans East View Park - approximately .8 acres

A small linear view park will be incorporated into proposed development on the bluffs.

9. West Newport Park - approximately 6.7 acres

Mini Park facilities will be located on the right-of-way south of Pacific Coast Highway. These facilities should include a resting/staging area for bicyclists proceeding down the Highway with restrooms and shaded picnic areas as well as some sports facilities and parking areas.

A portion of the area near the westerly end of the park is needed for and shall be reserved for Coast Highway widening in accordance with the Circulation Element and with the letter of concurrence between the City and Caltrans dated January 26, 1982.

Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula

Marinapark - approximately 4.0 acres

The recommendations of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Marinapark study group in their July 1983 report to the City Council should be implemented, including aquatic facilities and expanded beach, parking and recreation. The R/UDAT recommendation relating only to aquatic facilities should be considered for incorporation into this program.

Service Areas 3 and 4 - Newport Heights/Harbor Highlands - Santa Ana Heights-Airport Commercial

1. Castaways - approximately 10 acres

The Castaways property has unique scenic qualities and has been identified as containing environmentally sensitive coastal bluff resources. A

special view park of approximately 10 acres will be located on this site. The park will parallel the bluffs and will provide extensive viewing opportunities with some traditional neighborhood park recreational facilities to serve residents on the remainder of the property. An example of the facilities recommended include restrooms, turf areas, picnic areas and benches with an access road and parking similar to Ocean Avenue in Corona del Mar. The view park is anticipated to be a major destination and adequate parking is recommended as well as an optional scenic drive between the view park and proposed development. The option shall be exercised at the discretion of the City.

2. Westbay View Park - approximately .5 acres

This small view park will coordinate with a bluff top bikeway.

3. Westbay Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) - Open Space

These ESA's have not been precisely mapped but will be protected when development proposals are reviewed. Where consistent with the preservation of environmental values, public access to these areas should be provided.

4. Northbay Mini Park - approximately 1 acre

A linear view park and trail corridor is proposed along the bluffs on this property. A small mini park-trail staging area is also proposed for equestrians, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Trail connections to the San Diego Creek trail will be provided and the mini park will include parking facilities, restrooms, picnic tables, bicycle racks and hitching posts.

Service Area 5 - Lower Bay

Pacific Coast Highway Boat Ramp - approximately 1.0 acre

A public boat launching facility is designated at Pacific Coast Highway and Bayside (also known as the Pacific Coast Highway Bridge site). Access is proposed via Bayside under the bridge from the north.

Service Area 7 - Eastbluff/North Ford

1. San Diego Creek Open Space - approximately 22 acres

This creek bed and right-of-way is an environmentally sensitive area. Any future use of privately owned portions should be consistent with the Newport Bay Watershed/San Diego Creek Comprehensive Stormwater Sedimentation Control Plan.

2. North Ford Community Park - approximately 12 acres

A new 12 acre community park site is designated to the south of the future alignment of University Drive. The park will be an active sports facility with ballfields and support facilities. The facility will meet demonstrated demand for both youth and adult sports facilities and will serve some future residents in adjacent service areas.

3. Eastbluff Remnant - approximately 4.7 acres

This environmentally sensitive area is designated as Open Space for resource protection consistent with the Local Coastal Program.

4. Mouth of Big Canyon - approximately 50.0 acres

The environmentally sensitive area is designated as Open Space for resource protection with minimal public improvements to about three acres of the site with a park credit of 5 acres.

Service Area 9 - Newport Center

1. Bayview Landing Mini Park - approximately 1 acre

A mini park is designated on a portion of the upland part of this property. The mini park would function as a trail staging area for bicyclists and pedestrians. The park would include restrooms, picnic areas, drinking fountains and bicycle racks. Shared weekend use of parking spaces generated by development on the remainder of the property is proposed.

2. Newporter North View Park - approximately 4 acres

A special view park of 4 acres is designated at this site. The park will be located at the bluffs and will provide viewing opportunities with some traditional neighborhood park recreational facilities to serve Service Area 9 residents. An optional access road and parking similar to Ocean Avenue in Corona del Mar is proposed. The option would be exercised at the discretion of the City.

3. Newport Village Neighborhood Park - approximately 4 acres

The precise location of this neighborhood park will be determined as a part of detailed planning for the Newport Village area. The park is intended to serve Service Area 9 residential and business communities.

4. Northbay Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) - Open Space

These ESA's have not been precisely mapped but will be protected when development proposals are reviewed. Where consistent with the preservation of environmental values, public access to these areas should be provided.

Service Area 10 - Corona del Mar

Corona del Mar Mini Park - .24 acres

This Mini Park will be located at the former site of Corona del Mar Elementary School and is proposed to feature informal turf and walkways with consideration of tennis facilities.

Service Area 11 - Harbor View

1. Lincoln School - approximately 17 acres

The seventeen acres of playing fields at the Lincoln School site will transfer to neighborhood park use. The existing building improvements are proposed to remain in this situation. However, intensification of the facilities in the fields is recommended.

2. Oasis Expansion

The existing Oasis Senior Center will be expanded. Total area will be consistent with current development and master plan studies for this public area.

3. Buck Gully - approximately 49.4 acres

Protection of this environmentally sensitive area is planned consistent with the Local Coastal Plan. Public access facilities are not recommended due to difficulty in maintenance, fire protection and police supervision. The removal of the Alternate Residential Use and application of the Open Space Overlay Zoning District would be appropriate in exchange for increased densities on other parcels.

4. Marguerite View Park (Hart Park)

This small view park will be provided for the enjoyment of unusual ocean views. Total area will be consistent with current development and master plan studies now being conducted for the site.

5. Jasmine Creek Open Space - 2.6 acres

A passive open space area with a walkway will be located in this riparian corridor. The area is proposed to be available to public access via an easement.

Service Area 12 - Loma del Mar

Areas designated Recreational and Environmental Open Space include Buck Gully, Los Trancos Canyon and the portion of Crystal Cove State Park within the Newport Beach sphere of influence.

The open space areas of Los Trancos Canyon and Buck Gully will remain in private ownership and are subject to the provisions listed:

Los Trancos Canyon:

- Residential recreation lands in Los Trancos Canyon will be owned and maintained by homeowner associations, adjoining property owners, and/or special districts. (See below #1)
- 2. Residential lot lines from adjoining properties may extend into the Residential Recreation area.
- 3. Permitted uses may include local parks, riding and hiking trails, bikeways, drainage control facilities, utilities, tennis courts, swimming pools, community centers, and equestrian centers.
- 4. A maximum of 5% of the total lands designated in this category may be developed with impervious surfaces (i.e., structures, roads, etc.).
- 5. Identified environmentally sensitive habitat areas will be protected.
- 6. Recreational facilities will be located on slopes generally less than 30%.
- 7. Vehicular access will be limited; parking and staging areas may be provided in appropriate locations subject to the provisions of (4) above.
- 8. Archaeological and paleontological sites will be preserved except where impacted by existing roads.

Buck Gully

- Residential recreation lands in Buck Gully will be owned and maintained by homeowner associations, adjoining property owners, and/or special districts.
- 2. Residential lot lines from adjoining properties may extend into the Residential Recreation area.

- 3. Permitted uses will be limited to passive parks, riding and hiking trails, bikeways, drainage control facilities and utilities.
- 4. Natural landforms will be retained by locating recreational facilities in the flatter portions of the canyon bottom.
- 5. A maximum of 5% of the total lands designated in this category may be developed with impervious surfaces (i.e., trails, roads, etc.).
- 6. Stream courses and riparian vegetation identified environmentally sensitive habitat areas will be maintained or enhanced.
- 7. Recreational facilities will be located on slopes generally less than 30%.
- 8. Except for emergency and maintenance vehicles, vehicular access will be prohibited.
- 9. Archaeological and paleontological sites will be preserved.

Crystal Cove State Park

The Crystal Cove State Park occupies the area below Pacific Coast Highway easterly of the Cameo Shores extension with areas northerly of the highway at Crystal Cove and Muddy Canyon. The park is owned and operated by the State of California for public recreation purposes and includes a historic district at Crystal Cove.

Watershed Management

In order to protect marine resources, the following policies will be implemented for Buck Gully, Los Trancos Canyon and Muddy Canyon watersheds.

Prior to development in each watershed, a hydrology study will be completed, analyzing the effects of development and planning drainage facilities.

A drainage plan will be prepared prior to tentative tract map review. This plan will address drainage course stabilization, erosion control, and the effects of new drainage systems on the existing natural drainage system.

Marine water quality will be protected by using natural drainage courses and through erosion control. Additional control of non-point sources will be implemented if necessary to comply with Regional Water Quality Control Board standards. These measures may include streetsweeping, catch basin cleaning, efficient landscaping practices, and control of chemical applications.

Facilities will be designed and constructed to prevent increases in the existing rate of erosion of drainage courses.

Runoff water from or caused by development will be directed through drainage devices to canyon bottoms.

Recreational trails will be planned and constructed to minimize erosion.

All graded areas will be vegetated to stabilize soil.

Sewers will be provided to residential units where feasible. Septic tanks or other sewage disposal methods where utilized must meet the requirements of the City of Newport Beach and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Phasing

Development of Loma del Mar will be phased with dedication of public open space. A precise phasing plan will be adopted prior to approval of any tract maps or issuance of any commercial building permits for Loma del Mar.

Intensification Projects

The following projects involve intensification of underutilized or not used existing recreational facilities. Many recommendations involve further study which is addressed in the Implementation Handbook.

1. North Star Beach - 11.45 ac.

Existing sensitive resources should be taken into consideration in any site improvement effort. Development of an aquatic center should be permitted on this site consistent with the expressed desires of the Newport Beach electorate as voting in November of 1982. No additional development will be allowed on this site.

2. Santa Ana River Park

This existing neighborhood park is not currently used for recreational facilities. As the surrounding property will be the subject of a Specific Plan, the use of the park should be restudied at the time.

3. Westbay Park

This existing unimproved neighborhood park is being considered as a Natural History Museum project. Should that project not move forward, the use of the park should be restudied. Ultimate uses should preserve existing environmentally sensitive resources.

4. Peninsula Park

Alternate recreational use or reconfiguration of the sports field area at this park is proposed for further study. Options are installing updated field improvements, changing to a different recreational use or declaring the property surplus and available for sale.

5. Irvine Terrace Park

Improvement of the undeveloped areas of this park as well as intensification of the developed areas is proposed. Phase I of this project is currently in progress featuring play equipment replacement and construction of two new tennis courts.

6. Grant Howald CYC

Relocation of the parking area on the Grant Howald property is recommended to permit facility intensification.

Program Projects

The following projects involve program level recommendations that involve City staff, committee or commission actions.

1. Park Dedication Ordinance

The existing park dedication ordinance will be revised to clearly reflect a specific five acre per thousand population park standard.

A further revision is recommended to clearly define park and recreation properties as flat usable acreage only. Examples of property not acceptable for park dedication purposes include environmentally sensitive areas or similar land not suitable for active park and recreation purposes. Within the context of the terminology used in the plan, publicly accessible portions, mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and view parks in the plan are all defined as usable acreage. Small areas of some environmental open space may be included as usable acreage only to the extent that the area is accessible and usable by the public. The proposed parks which have been assumed to be eligible as flat usable area are noted as Recreation areas in the "Tabulation of Proposed Recreation and Open Space".

2. Private Open Space Support

The City will continue to encourage private donations to its park programs and will publicize the opportunity to make such donations.

3. Bikeways

The Bicycle Trails Citizen Advisory Committee should be directed to:

- --review planned expansions or changes to the City's bikeway network for advisory input to the Department of Public Works and the City Council.
- --research bikeway implementation, education and safety techniques.
- --report to the City Council annually on report findings and progress in expanding the bikeway network.
- --coordinate with bikeway committees in adjoining communities.
- --develop public information materials as directed by the City Council.

TABULATION OF PROPOSED RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

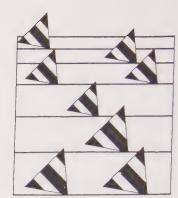
<u>Facility</u>	Recreation Acres	Open Space Acres
Service Area 1 - West Newport		
Banning Community Park Banning View Park Banning ESA Open Space	20.0	Unknown
Banning Neighborhood Park Semeniuk Slough ESA	4.0	20.0
Semeniuk Slough Mini Park CalTrans West View Park CalTrans East View Park Pacific Coast Highway Mini Park	2.0 2.0 .8 7.7	20.0
Subtotal	37.5	20.0+ Unknown
Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula		
Marinapark	4.0	
Subtotal	4.0	0
Service Area 3 - Newport Heights/Harbor Highlan	nds	
Castaways Westbay View Park Westbay ESA Open Space	10.0	Unknown
Subtotal	10.5	Unknown
Service Area 4 - Santa Ana Heights - Airport Co	ommercial	
Northbay Mini Park	1.0	
Subtotal	1.0	0

Tabulation of Proposed Recreation and Open Space (Continued)

<u>Facility</u>	Recreation Acres	Open Space Acres
Service Area 5 - Lower Bay		7101 03
PCH Boat Ramp	1.0	
Subtotal	1.0	0
Service Area 7 - Eastbluff - North Ford		
San Diego Creek Open Space North Ford Community Park Eastbluff Remnant Mouth of Big Canyon Subtotal	12.0 <u>5.0</u> 17.0	22.0 4.7 45.0 71.7
Service Area 9 - Newport Center		
Bayview Landing Mini Park Newporter North View Park Newport Village Neighborhood Park Northbay ESA Open Space	1.0 4.0 4.0	Unknown
Subtotal	9.0	Unknown
Service Area 10 - Corona del Mar		
Corona del Mar Mini Park	.24	0
Subtotal	.24	0
Service Area 11 - Harbor View		
Lincoln School Oasis Expansion Buck Gully Marguerite View Park Jasmine Creek Open Space	17.0 2.0 1.0	49.4
Subtotal	20.0	<u>2.6</u> <u>52.0</u>
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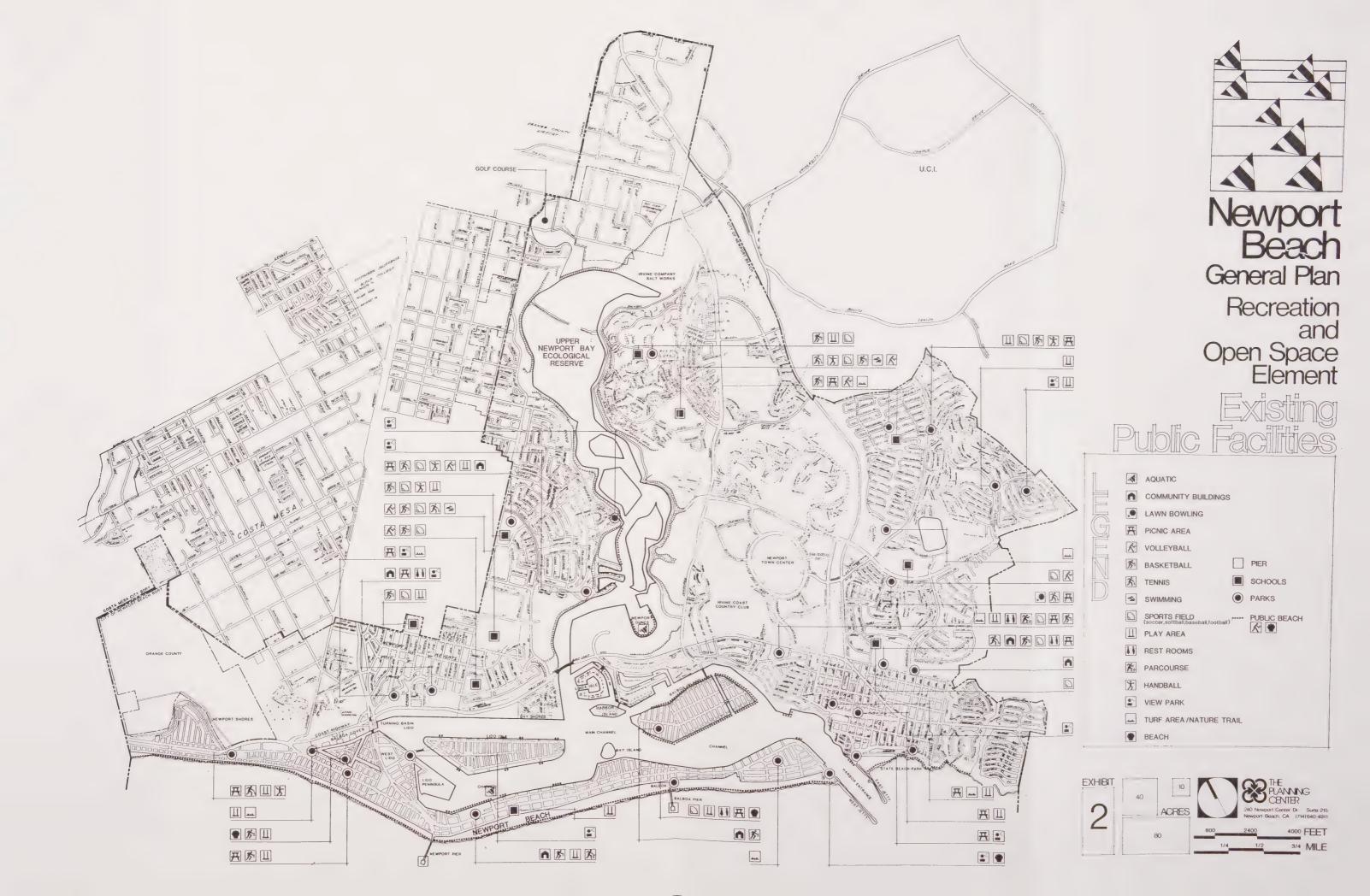
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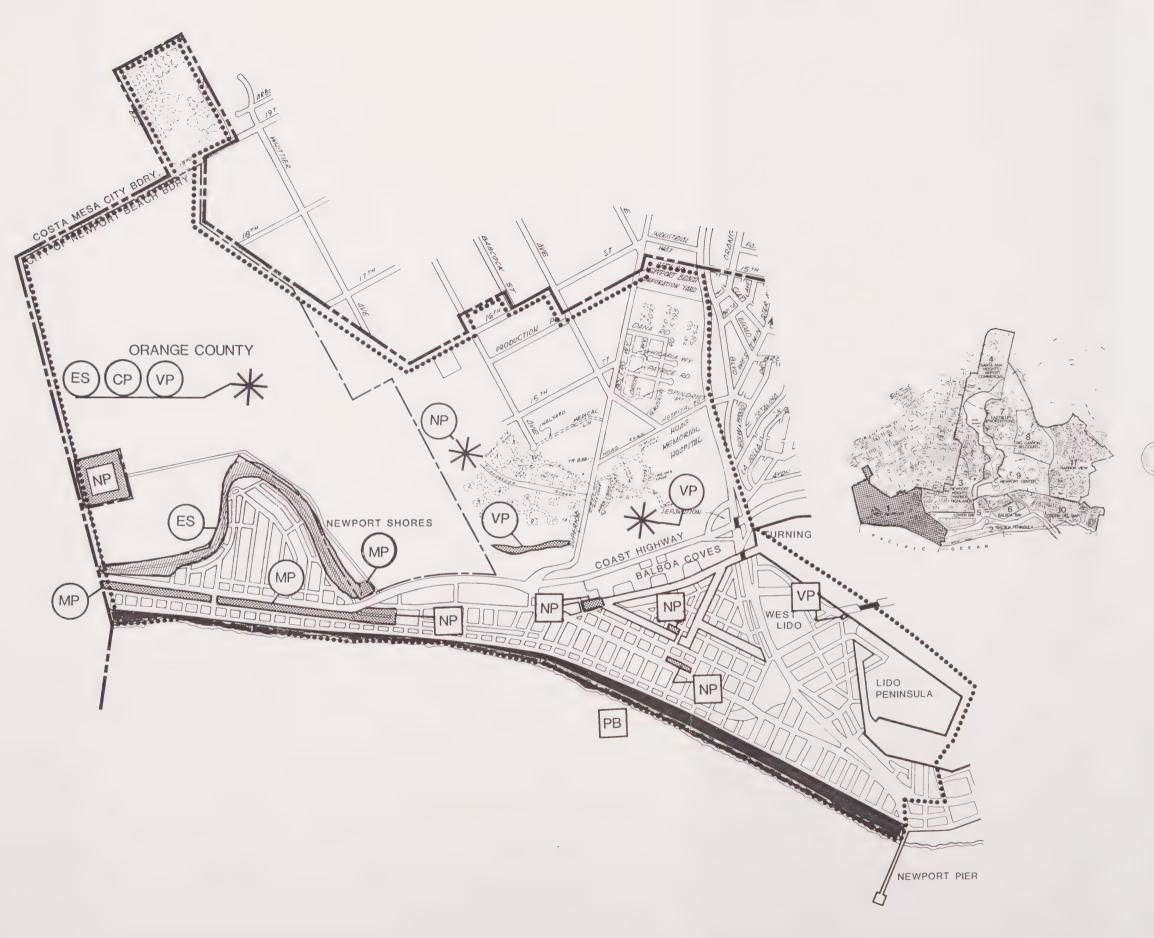
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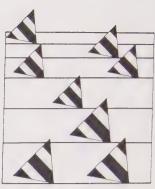
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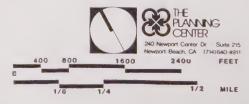
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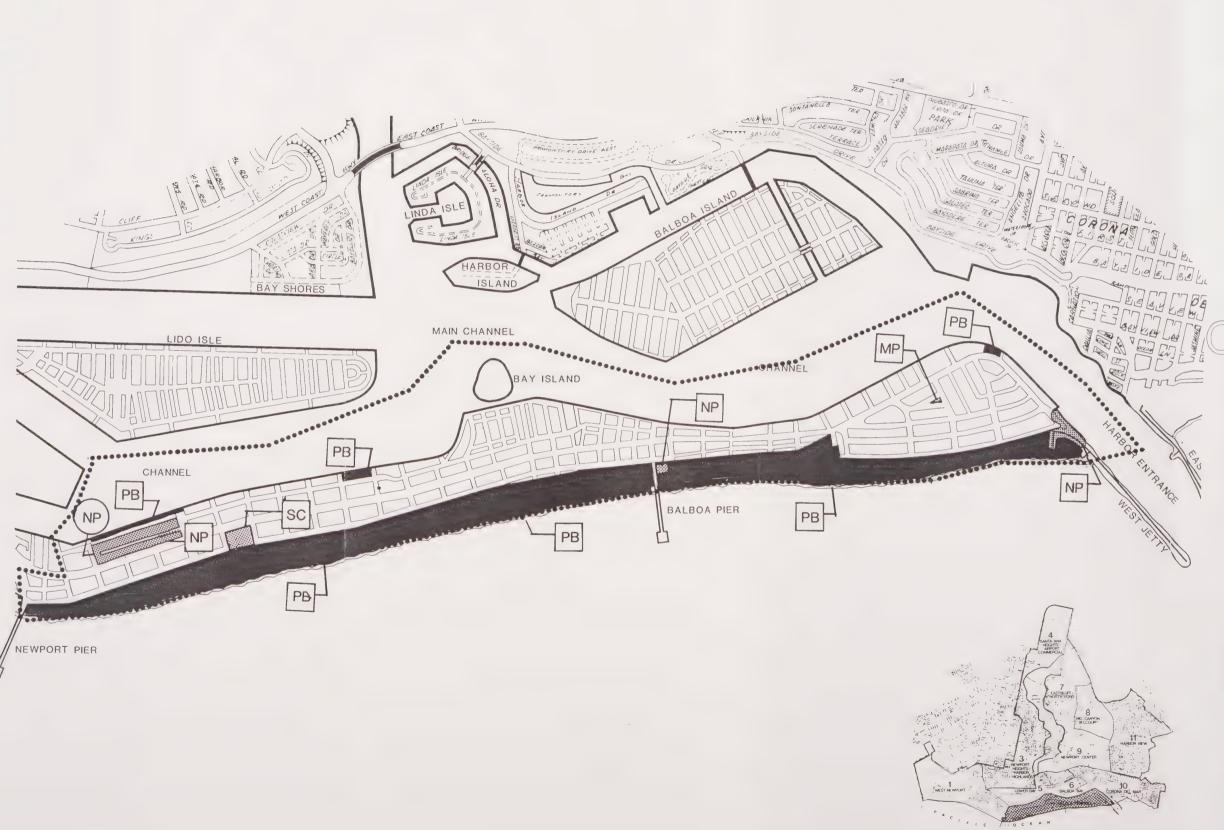
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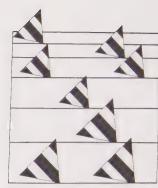
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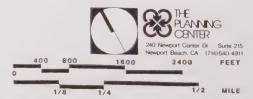
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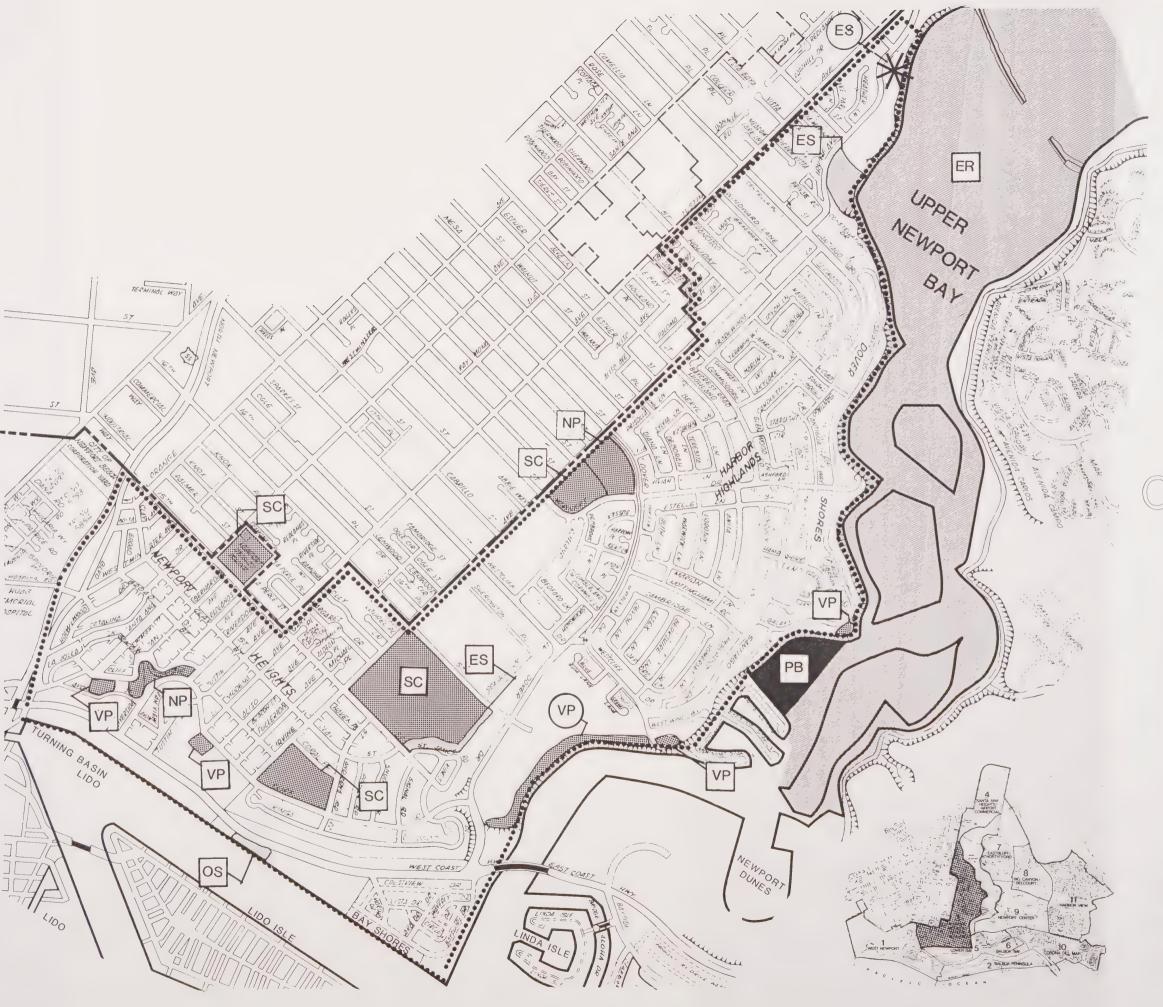
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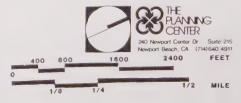
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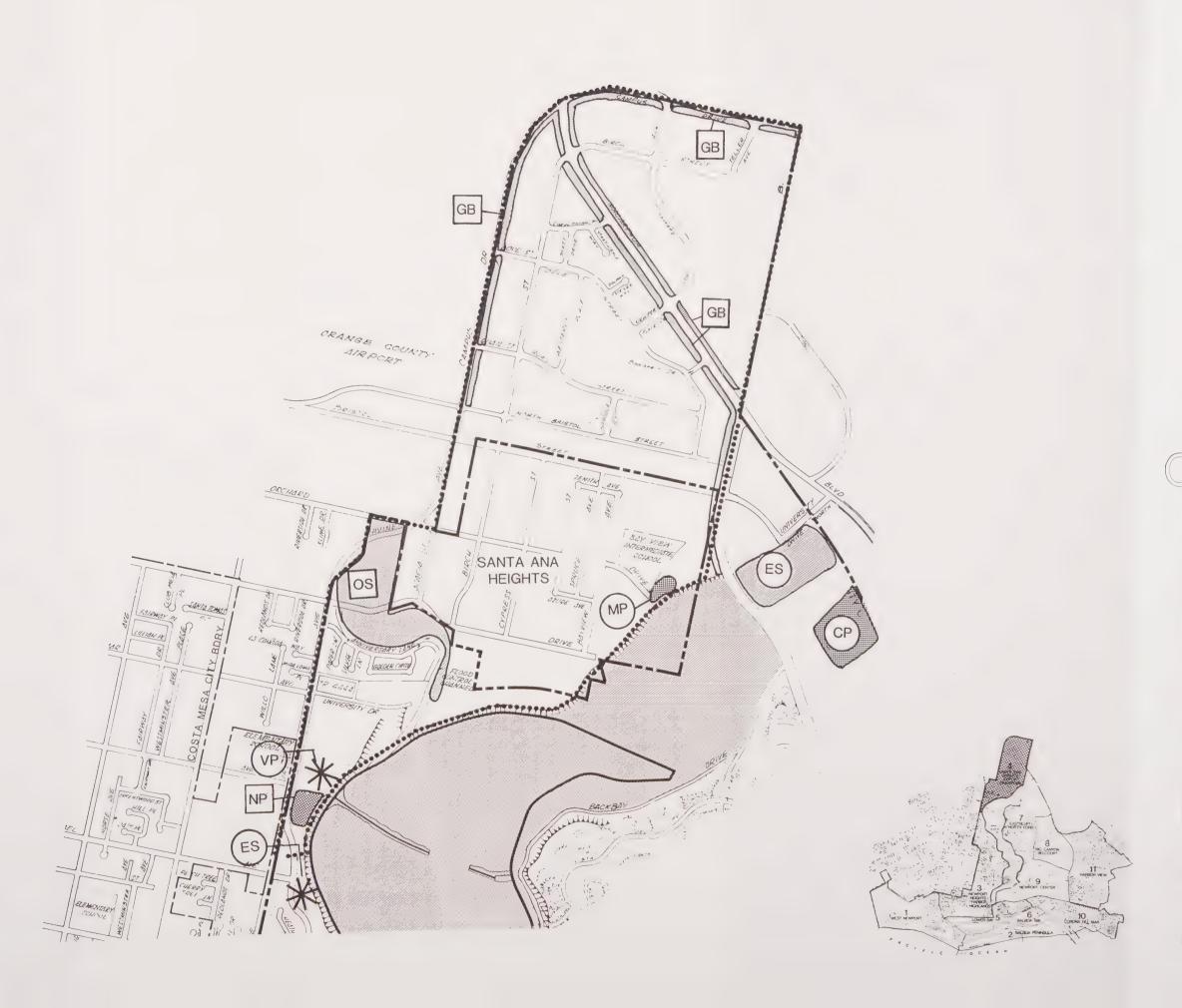
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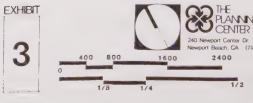
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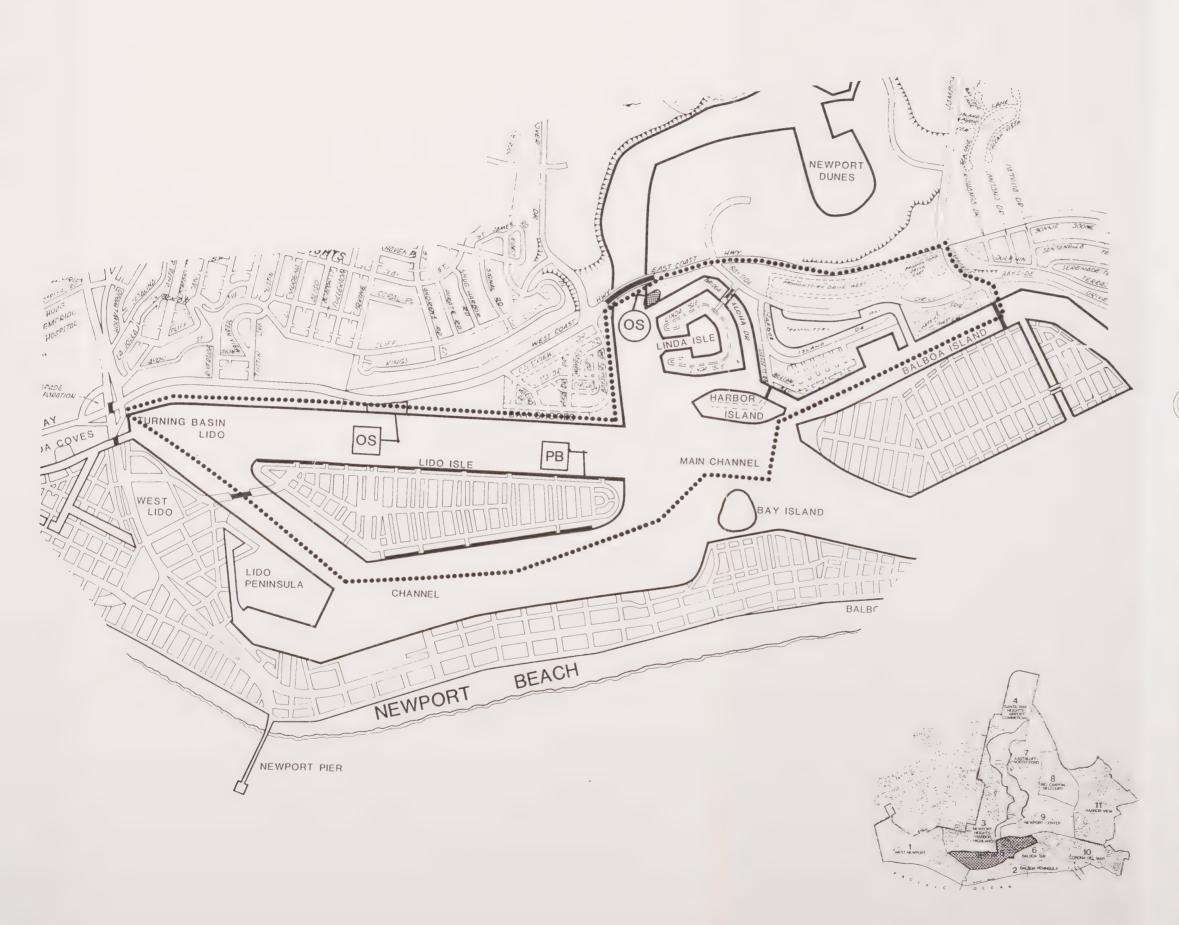
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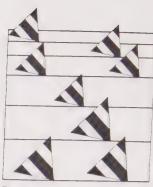
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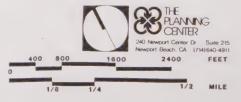
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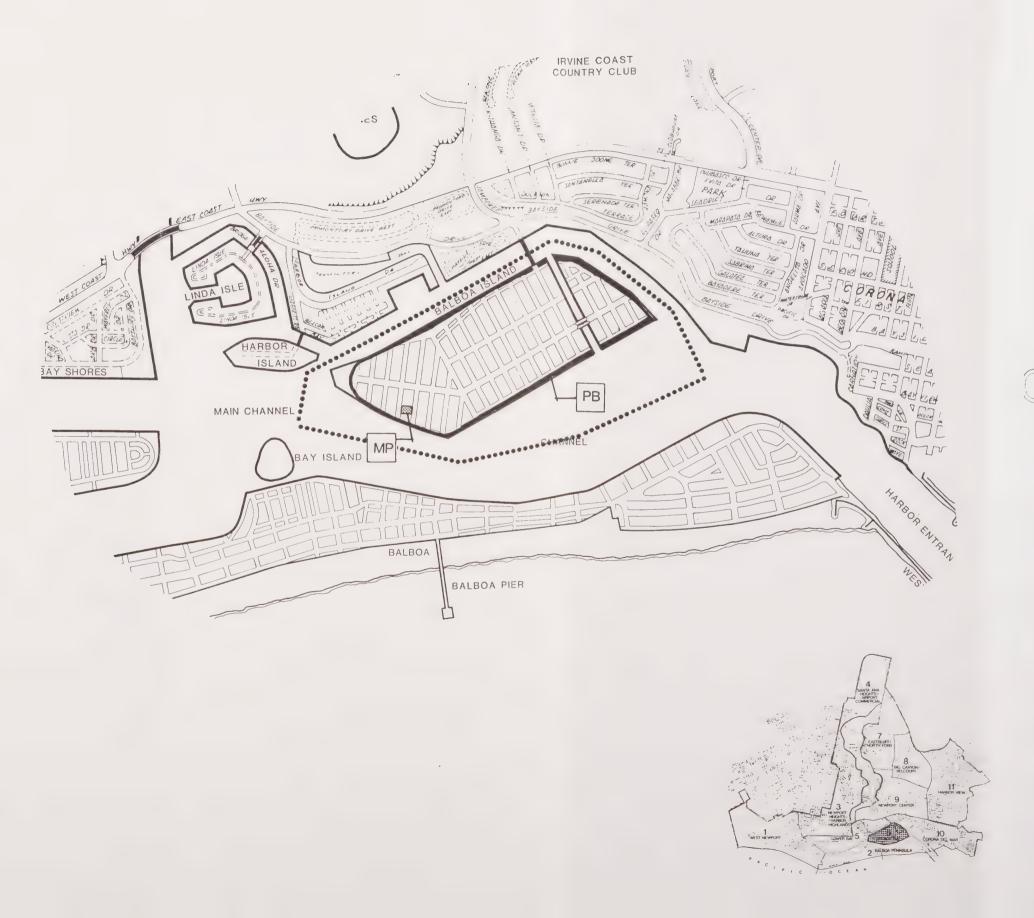
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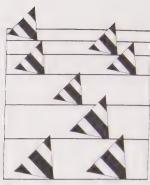
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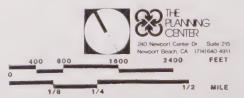
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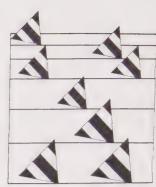
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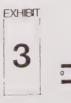




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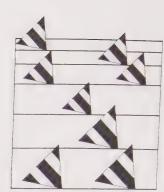
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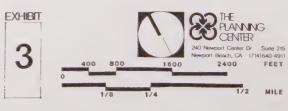




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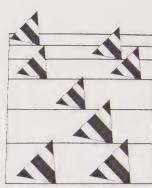
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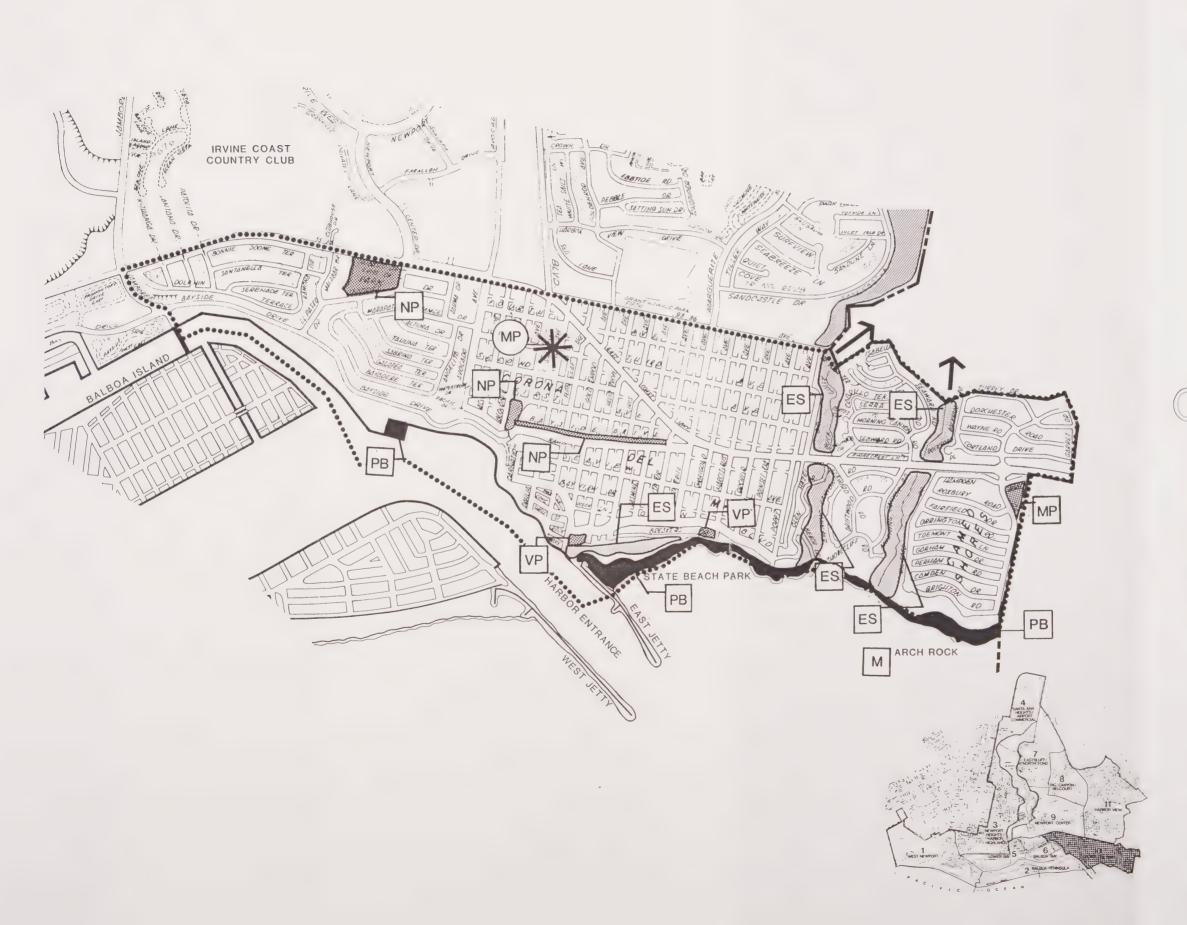
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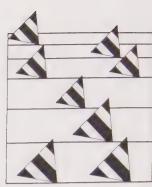
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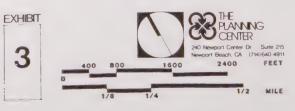




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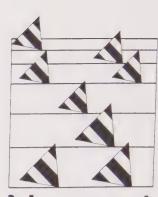
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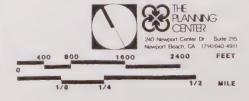
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